Opening of new telephone exchanges and post offices in Kerala

791. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in Kerala during the 8th Plan period; and

(b) what are the details of post offices proposed to be opened during the year 1992-93 in Kerala?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Opening of new telephone exchanges is carried out as and when a minimum demand is registered at a place. Thus it is not possible to give details of all new exchanges for the 8th Plan period. So far 15 places have been identified for opening new exchanges in Kerala. The list is placed at the Statement attached. (*See* below)

(b) While post offices will be opened in Kerala during 1992-93, it may not be possible to indicate at this stage the exact number and places at which they will be opened, since the 1992-93 Annual Plan targets are yet to be finalised.

Statement

Name of Station	Revenue Dist.	Type of exchange proposed
1. Paloorkavu	Idukki Dist.	64P MILT
2. Karimpan	Do.	128P CDOT
3. Kanjikuzhy (Idukki)	Do.	128P CDOT
4. Vaxhavara	Do.	128P CDOT
5. Puliyanmala	Ernakulam Dist.	128P CDOT
6. Mekkadambu	Do.	128P CDOT
7. Chempanode	Calicut Dist.	64P MILT
8. Thottumukkom	Do.	128P CDOT All Electron
9. Peruvannamoozhi	Do.	512P CDOT
10. Vazhayoor	Malappuram Dist.	64P MILT
11. Periya (Wynad)	Wynad Dist. 128P	128P CDOT
12. Delampady	Kasargod Dist.	128P CDOT
13. Rajagiri	Cannanore Dist.	128P CDOT
14. Vettilappare	Trichur Dist.	64P MILT
15. Nilamel	Quilon Dist.	128P CDOT